

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. through 20. (cancelled)

21. (new): A portable electronic device, comprising:

a memory which stores at least two functions and at least two items hierarchically assigned to each function;

a display which displays:

(a) a function,

(b) a first item assigned to the displayed function, and

(c) a second item assigned to the displayed function;

a first button, corresponding to the displayed first item, wherein the pressing of the first button indicates the selection of the first item when the display is displaying the first item; and

a second button, corresponding to the displayed second item, wherein the pressing of the second button indicates the selection of the second item when the display is displaying the second item;

wherein,

when the display is not displaying the first item, the pressing of the first button indicates one or more actions unrelated to the first item, and

when the display is not displaying the second item, the pressing of the second button indicates one or more actions unrelated to the second item.

22. (new): The portable electronic device according to claim 21, wherein:

the at least two functions include a key tone function;

a first item assigned to the key tone function is an “on” item, wherein the pressing of the first button, when the display displays the “on” item, turns the key tone function on; and

a second item assigned to the key tone function is an “off” item, wherein the pressing of the second button, when the display displays the “off” item, turns the key tone function off.

23. (new): The portable electronic apparatus according to claim 21, wherein:

the at least to functions include an automatic power function;

a first item assigned to the automatic power function is an “on” item, wherein the pressing of the first button, when the display displays the “on” item, turns the automatic power on; and

a second item assigned to the automatic power function is an “off” item, wherein the pressing of the second button, when the display displays the “off” item, functions turns the key tone function off.

24. (new): The portable electronic device according to claim 21, wherein:
when the display is not displaying the first item, the pressing of the first button functions to move a cursor, displayed on the display, in a first direction; and
when the display is not displaying the second item, the pressing of the second button functions to move a cursor, displayed on the display, in a second direction.

25. (new): The portable electronic device according to claim 21, wherein:
the first button is located directly below the display of the first item; and
the second button is located directly below the display of the second display.

26. (new): The portable electronic device according to claim 21, wherein:
the portable electronic device comprises a phone.

27. (new): A portable electronic device, comprising:
means for storing at least two functions and at least two items hierarchically assigned to each function;

means for displaying:

- (a) a function,
- (b) a first item assigned to the displayed function, and
- (c) a second item assigned to the displayed function;

a first button, corresponding to the displayed first item, wherein the pressing of the first button indicates the selection of the first item when the means for displaying is displaying the first item; and

a second button, corresponding to the displayed second item, wherein the pressing of the second button indicates the selection of the second item when the means for displaying is displaying the second item;

wherein,

when the means for displaying is not displaying the first item, the pressing of the first button indicates one or more actions unrelated to the first item, and

when the means for displaying is not displaying the second item, the pressing of the second button indicates one or more actions unrelated to the second item.

28. (new): The portable electronic device according to claim 27, wherein:

the at least two functions include a key tone function;

a first item assigned to the key tone function is an “on” item, wherein the pressing of the first button, when the means for displaying displays the “on” item, turns the key tone function on; and

a second item assigned to the key tone function is an “off” item, wherein the pressing of the second button, when the means for displaying displays the “off” item, turns the key tone function off.

29. (new): The portable electronic apparatus according to claim 27, wherein:
the at least to functions include an automatic power function;
a first item assigned to the automatic power function is an “on” item, wherein the pressing of the first button, when the means for displaying displays the “on” item, turns the automatic power on; and
a second item assigned to the automatic power function is an “off” item, wherein the pressing of the second button, when the means for displaying displays the “off” item, functions turns the key tone function off.

30. (new): The portable electronic device according to claim 27, wherein:
when the means for displaying is not displaying the first item, the pressing of the first button functions to move a cursor, displayed on the display, in a first direction; and
when the means for displaying is not displaying the second item, the pressing of the second button functions to move a cursor, displayed on the display, in a second direction.

31. (new): The portable electronic device according to claim 27, wherein:
the first button is located directly below the display of the first item; and
the second button is located directly below the display of the second display.

32. (new): The portable electronic device according to claim 27, wherein:
the portable electronic device comprises a phone.